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The Honorable Eloise Reyes  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2002  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2293/Reyes (As Amended April 16, 2018) – OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Reyes:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) are strongly opposed to AB 2293/Reyes (as amended April 17, 2018, 2018), which amends Health and Safety Code Section 1798.200 severely restricting the ability of the local EMS agency (LEMSA) medical directors and the director of the EMS Authority to protect the public health and safety by denying licenses to applicants or imposing disciplinary action against EMTs, EMT-IIs, and paramedics.

Existing statutory standards for discipline of pre-hospital personnel was developed in collaboration with numerous EMS stakeholders to ensure both patient safety and the opportunity for individuals to not be unnecessarily excluded from certification for past criminal convictions unrelated to the duties, qualifications and functions of prehospital medical care personnel. We are extremely concerned that AB2293/Reyes will eliminate safeguards placing patients at serious risk from individuals posing a serious threat to the public health and safety. Pre-hospital personnel serve on ambulances, emergency response apparatus, and remote first-aid areas providing services to vulnerable patients, many who are elderly and alone, in their homes with little direct supervision. For this reason and others we believe that standards for who is eligible for certification and licensure should remain high.

EMSAAC represents the 33 local emergency medical services (EMS) agency administrators representing all of California's 58 counties. The mission of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California, Inc. (EMDAC) is to provide leadership and expert opinion in the medical oversight, direction and coordination of Emergency Medical Services for the people of the State of California.

If you should have any questions, please contact EMSAAC's Legislative Chair Dan Burch at (209) 468-6818.

Sincerely,

Dan Burch  
EMSAAC Legislative Chair

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